



**THE HOLY FAMILY**  
of **JESUS, MARY, and JOSEPH**  
December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017  
and  
**THE SOLEMNITY of MARY, MOTHER of GOD**  
January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018



**THIS WEEK**

**New Year's Day Masses at 9:00am, 10:30, 12:00 noon**

Tuesday St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory  
Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors

Tues. - Fri. Mass at 8:00am, also Friday at 7:30pm

Saturday Mass at 9:00am

**Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> - Regular Sunday Schedule**

**PRAYERS FOR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE SICK**

Leona Ste-Croix, Austin Li, Mair Reynolds, Norman Ngan,  
Fernando Estrella, Julie Dean *(Please notify the office of any changes)*

**INFANT BAPTISM COURSE**

Classes for parents seeking baptism for their infants - next session: **Tuesday, Jan. 2, 9 & 16 @ 7:00 pm. Adults only.**

**UPCOMING CALENDAR**

<b>Food Bank Drive</b>	<b>TODAY</b>
<b>SPIRIT Bottle Drive</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
Knights' General Meeting	Monday, Jan. 8, 7:00pm
CWL General Meeting	Monday, Jan. 8, 7:30pm
Marian Prayer	Back on Monday, Jan. 8, 7:30pm
<b>Liturgy Committee</b>	<b>No meeting in January</b>
PEC Meeting	TBA
Parish Council Meeting	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 7:00pm
Charismatic Prayer Group	Back on Tuesday, Jan. 9, 7:30pm
PREP	Back on Wednesday, Jan. 10, 6:30pm
Craft Circle	Back on Thursday, Jan. 11, 9am-Noon
RCIA	Thursdays, 7:30pm
Seniors Line Dancing	Back on Thursday, Jan. 11, 2-4:00pm
Bingo	Thursdays, 6:00pm
Divine Mercy	3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month, 7:00pm
Legion of Mary	Fri. After 7:30pm Mass & Sun. 10:00am
Junior Legion of Mary	Sundays, 1:15pm

**PRO-LIFE MASS & VIGIL**

Join us for a peaceful, prayerful vigil for unborn children and their parents on Sat., Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Van. Rosary to follow at Burnaby Hospital.

**PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL**

*Could you not watch one hour with me?*

2<sup>nd</sup> persons still needed to work as a team in several hours. Please see the sign-up sheet at the entrance of the church.



Your children are not your children.  
They come through you but not from you.  
And though they are with you,  
yet they belong not to you.  
You may give them your love but not your thoughts,  
for they have their own thoughts.  
You may house their bodies but not their souls,  
for their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow,  
which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams.  
You may strive to be like them,  
but seek not to make them like you.  
For life goes not backward  
nor lingers with yesterday.  
You are the bows from which your children  
as living arrows are sent forth.

~ Kahlil Gibran

Father Luterbach and Father Mark would like to thank everyone who expressed their best wishes for Christmas and the New Year with greetings, cards, and gifts. We had the opportunity to thank many of you personally but unfortunately not all of you. Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated and we ask the Lord to bless you and keep you; to be gracious to you and bring you His peace.



**THANK YOU**...from Sister Maureen Theresa, Sister Regena, and the staff of St. Paul Parish, for your generosity shown with cards and gifts! May the peace we experience with the birth of Jesus remain with all of you in the New Year! God Bless you!!

A special thank you to those who helped prepare and decorate the church and parish centre; to those who helped to make the Christmas celebrations special: the lectors, the extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, the servers, the ushers, and greeters, and the choirs!

**Happy New Year!**

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Info: Jiggy @ 778-874-8569

Tonight NO LIFE Nite (December 31<sup>st</sup>):



**New Years!**

Happy New Year!

Next Sunday NO LIFE Nite (January 7<sup>th</sup>):



**Winter Break**

We're continuing with the winter break. Stay warm and catch us next week!

## ST. PAUL YOUNG ADULTS COMMUNITY (SPYAC)

Info: Mary @ 778-858-5167

**January First Friday**

**The Power of Beauty in the Pro-Life Message**  
St. Paul Parish Centre, January 5, 8:00 - 10:00 pm

The pro-life message is often a difficult one to "sell" to the culture because suffering and hardship cannot be entirely eliminated. And yet, perhaps the most powerful selling feature of the pro-life message is that which magnetically attracts people: beauty.

In our upcoming First Friday talk on January 5<sup>th</sup>, Stephanie Gray will talk about various stories about living out the pro-life philosophy at both the beginning and end of life, demonstrating that obstacles can become opportunities, suffering can lead to meaning, and one can find beauty from ashes. We hope to see you there!

## SPIRIT PRE-TEEN MINISTRY

Info: [stpauls.spirit@gmail.com](mailto:stpauls.spirit@gmail.com)

## CATHOLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION BURSARIES

The Catholic Health Association of BC will be awarding two bursaries valued at \$250 each to two 2018 graduating students who are enrolled in Catholic secondary Schools, or who are members of BC or Yukon parishes and enrolled in public secondary schools, or who are home-schooled. Students are asked to submit a 500-word essay demonstrating an awareness and understanding of the significance of **Spirituality in Health Care**. Submissions must be received on or before March 9, 2018. For further details, please visit the CHABC website at [www.chabc.bc.ca](http://www.chabc.bc.ca) under News and Events.

## PREP: Parish Religious Education Program

**No PREP classes on January 3.**

Classes resume on Wednesday, January 10, 2018.

Parents of First Communion Candidates will meet on January 10 from 6:45pm – 7:45pm in the gym.

If you have any questions, please contact Clay Imoo (PREP Director) at [clayimoo@shaw.ca](mailto:clayimoo@shaw.ca). Parents are reminded to advise Clay if you anticipate your child(ren) being absent from class.

## ST. PAUL SCHOOL NEW PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

School Year: 2018-2019



**Registration Date: Tuesday, February 6, 2018**

**Information Time: 7:00 pm**

**Place: St. Paul Parish Gym**



Parents interested in sending their child/children to St. Paul School are invited to attend this information meeting. Application forms will be available during this time. The meeting is intended for adults only. You are respectfully requested to make arrangements for childcare. Thank you.

## MEN'S DISCERNMENT NIGHT

**Wed., Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>**, 7:00 to 10:00pm at St. Patrick's, Van. Do you have questions about discerning God's call for your life? Vocations in Progress for men is an opportunity to meet priests, ask questions, and learn about their life and spirituality. The informal event will include prayer, dinner, and discussion. For more information, email Father Rodney at [vocations@rcav.org](mailto:vocations@rcav.org)

## LEARN to SQUARE DANCE

55+ Senior Services at South Arm Community Centre  
Join this fun and interactive class led by instructors offering step-by-step and do-si-do instructions. All skill levels are welcome! Wednesdays, Jan. 17 to Mar. 7<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-5:30pm. Cost for the 8 sessions is only \$39.80. Call 604-276-4300 to register or go to [www.richmond.ca/register](http://www.richmond.ca/register) course #2337792.

## SPIRIT BOTTLE DRIVE!

Next Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30am - 1:00pm, we will be having our annual **Bottle Drive**. The proceeds from the bottle drive will go towards **Spirit**, our Youth Ministry for Grades 6 and 7. Please bring your cans, bottles, and cartons to the covered area of the school after all the Sunday Masses. Please help our Parish's ministry and in return, we'll save you a trip to the recycling depot.



**Please no milk cartons or containers with milk substance.**